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MEMORANDUM FOR: D/DCI/IC

THROUGH:



SUBJECT: PRD "Charter"

1. As you know, PRD lacks a charter and this, I think, represents something of a handicap. Because much of our mission is inherently difficult and unpopular--we are about as welcome in some quarters as tax collectors--we should make an extra effort to define our role in the Community. We should also seek to persuade our clients (especially those who are subject to our scrutiny) that this role is both legitimate and necessary. The notion that PRD searches without warrants and proposes without proper credentials is not uncommon; it can probably best be refuted by revealing the existence of both--as issued by the DCI and elaborated by his Deputy for the Intelligence Community. That, at any rate, is roughly what I have tried to do: break out the PRD Charter from its confinement in the official documents.

2. If you approve of this exercise, I would suggest that you sign a memorandum akin to the one attached and that it be given appropriate distribution within the Community.



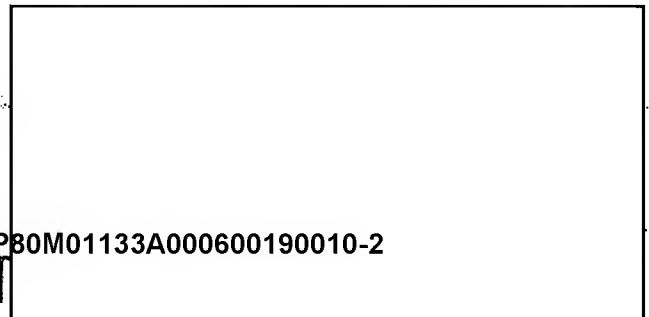
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Attachment

PRD Charter w/Annex (MR)

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